

## **Congressman Childers Presents Congressional Award Gold Medal to Fulton Constituent**

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Washington, DC – Congressman Travis Childers (MS-01) today presented the Congressional Award Gold Medal to Matthew Thorn of Fulton at the Gold Medal Ceremony. This prestigious award is given to those who have shown exemplary commitment to their community through voluntary public service.

“It is a great honor to present Matthew with the Congressional Award Gold Medal, and to have him here in Washington,” said Congressman Childers. “Through dedication to his community and his own development and health, he has contributed significantly to the betterment of the First District. I encourage Matthew and his peers to stay involved in their community and continue participating in civic activities.”

Nationwide, 2010 Congressional Gold Medalists contributed a total of over 150,000 voluntary public service hours in their communities. Earning the Congressional Award Gold Medal requires a significant commitment. Each participant must spend two years or more completing at least 400 hours of community service, 200 hours of both personal development and physical fitness activities, and a four-night Expedition or Exploration. For this achievement, Gold Award earners receive a Gold Medal as well as recognition by the United States Congress.

Thorn served more than 400 hours of community service by volunteering at his local food pantry and participating in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. For his personal development and physical fitness, he created a collection of insects from his region, gathering more than 200 different species while hiking through the forests. Thorn also spent one week in Honduras experiencing the culture and broadening his perspective.

*A pro-gun, pro-life Mississippian, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) represents the First Congressional District in North Mississippi. He is a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and serves on the House Agriculture and Financial Services Committee. Congressman Childers co-chairs the reestablished bipartisan Congressional Rural Caucus and was appointed to the bipartisan Second Amendment Task Force. For more information, visit [w  
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